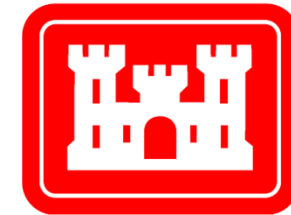


California's Flood Future

Recommendations for
Managing the State's Flood Risk

Flood Future Report Process



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California is at risk for catastrophic flooding!

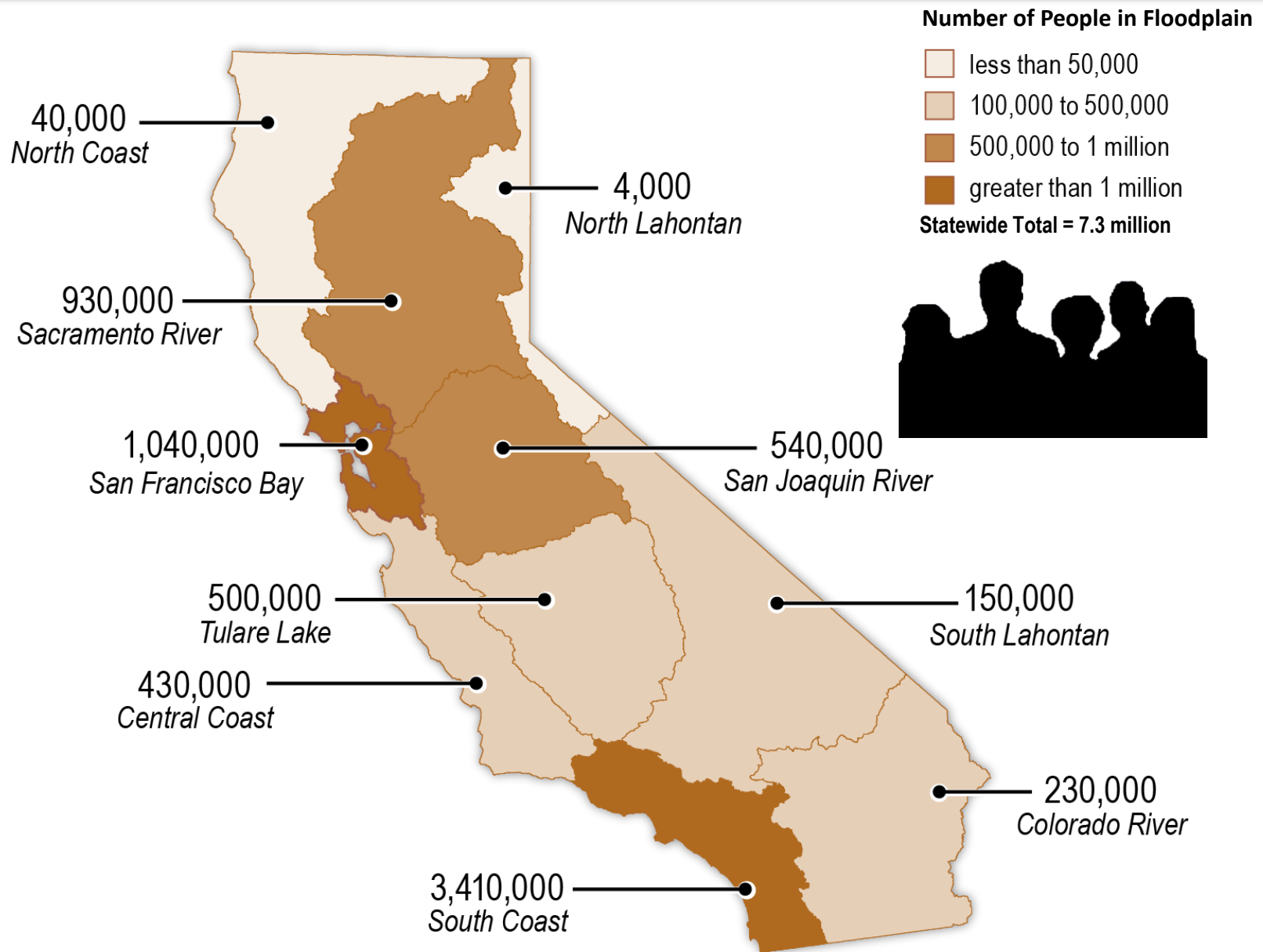
- Devastating impacts to California and the nation
- 1 in 5 Californians are exposed to flooding
- \$580B in assets are exposed to flooding
- Every county has experienced a Federally declared flood disaster in the last 20 years



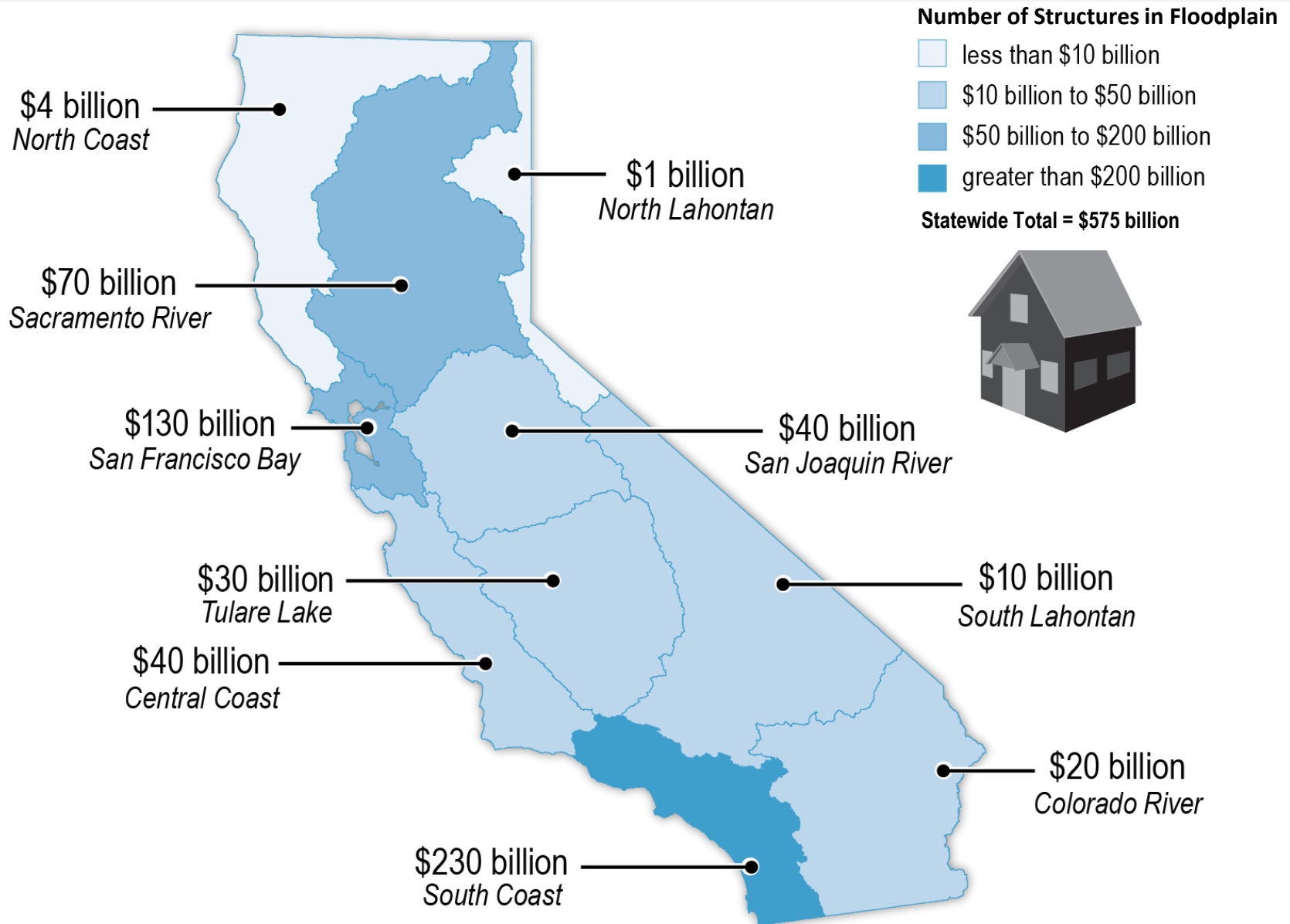
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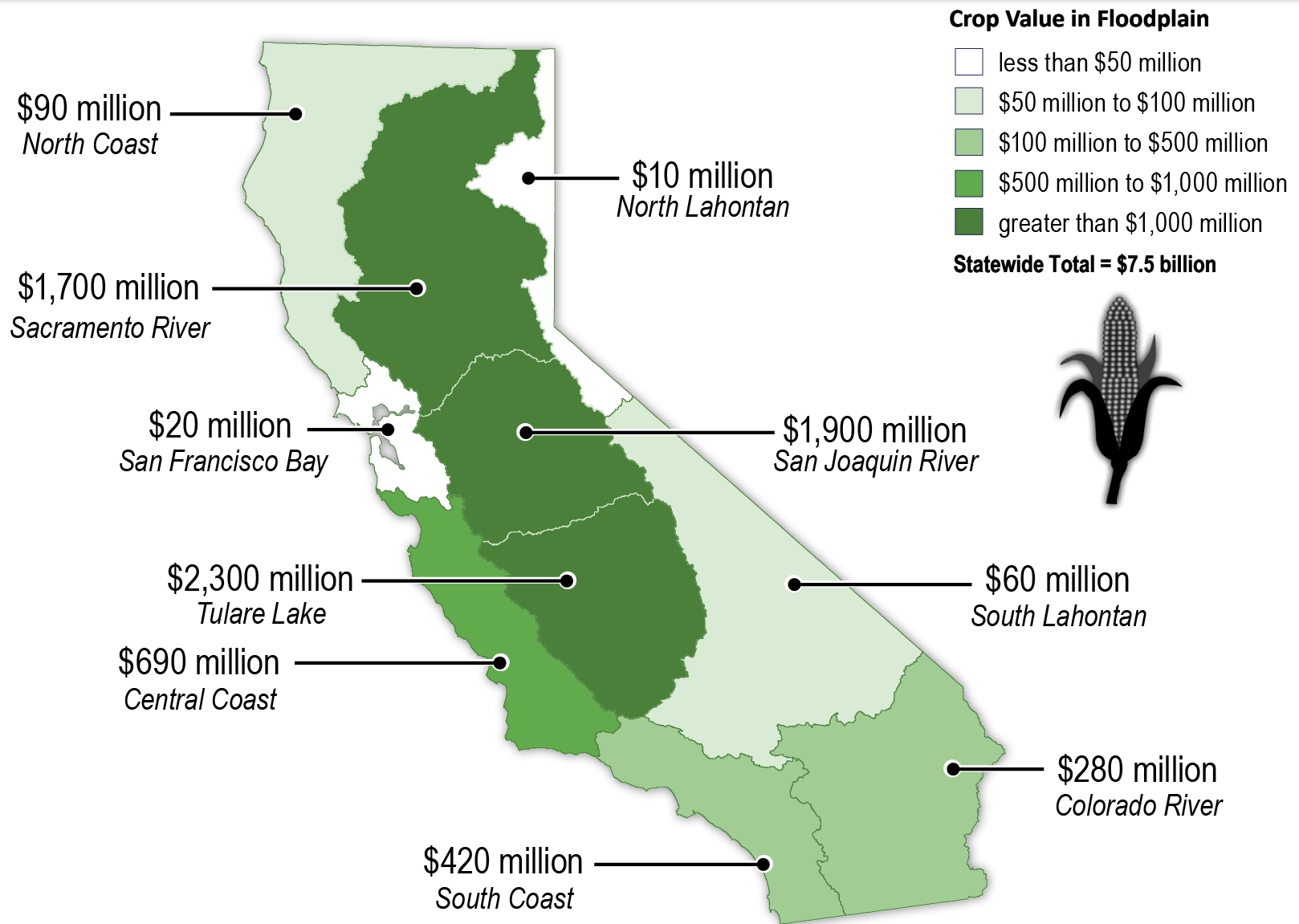
7.3 million Californians live in floodplains



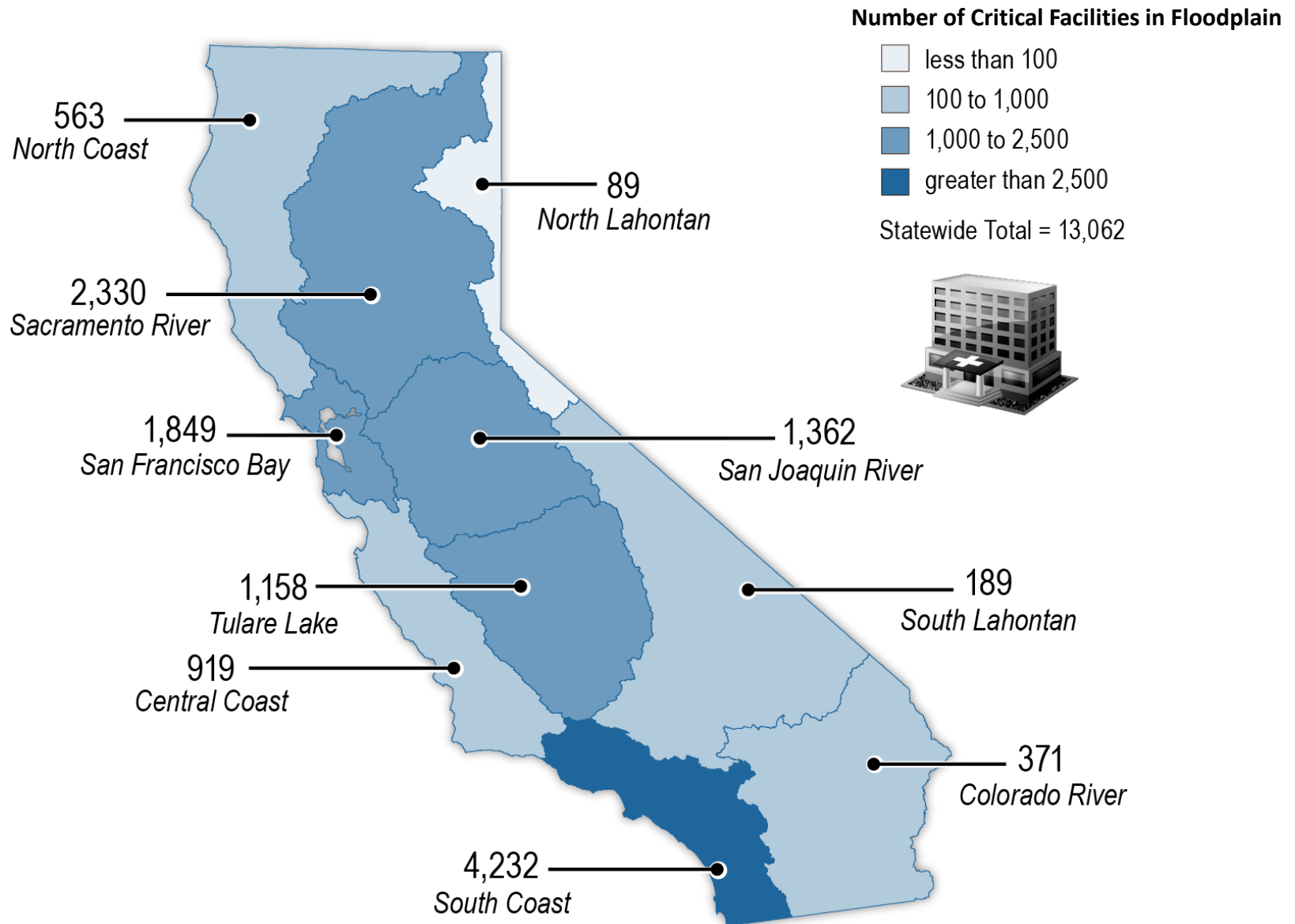
\$575 billion in structures are at risk



California's agricultural economy is at risk

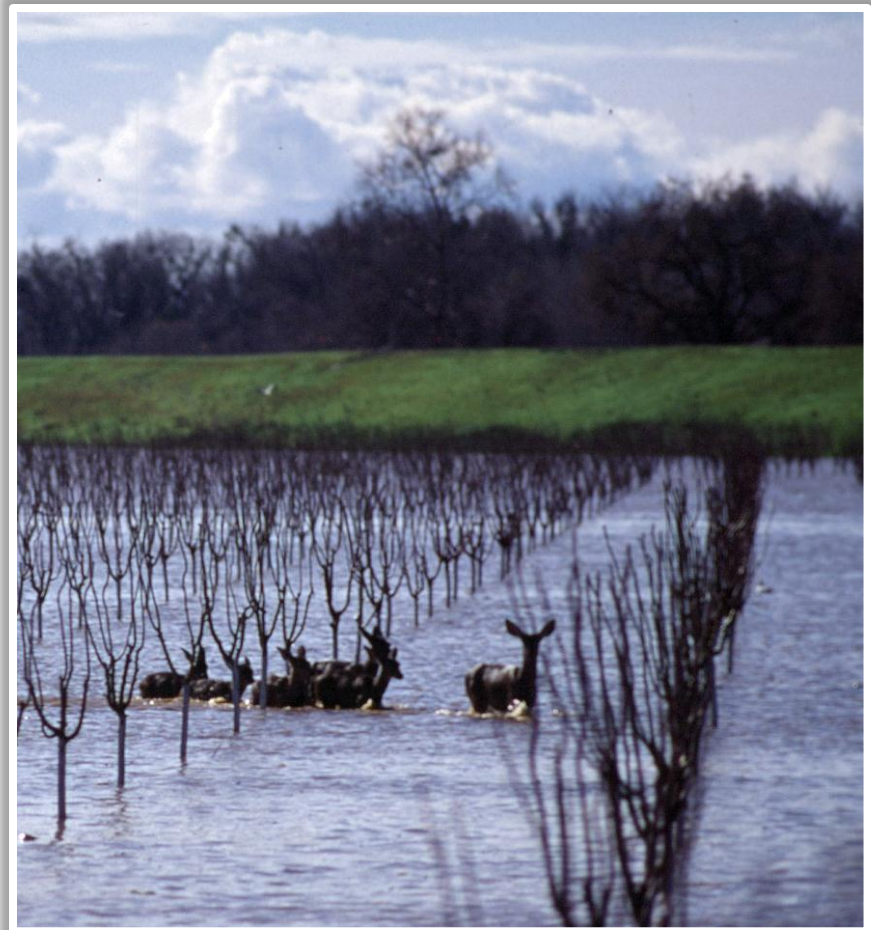


Critical facilities are at risk



Recommendation

1. Conduct regional flood risk assessments to better understand statewide flood risk.



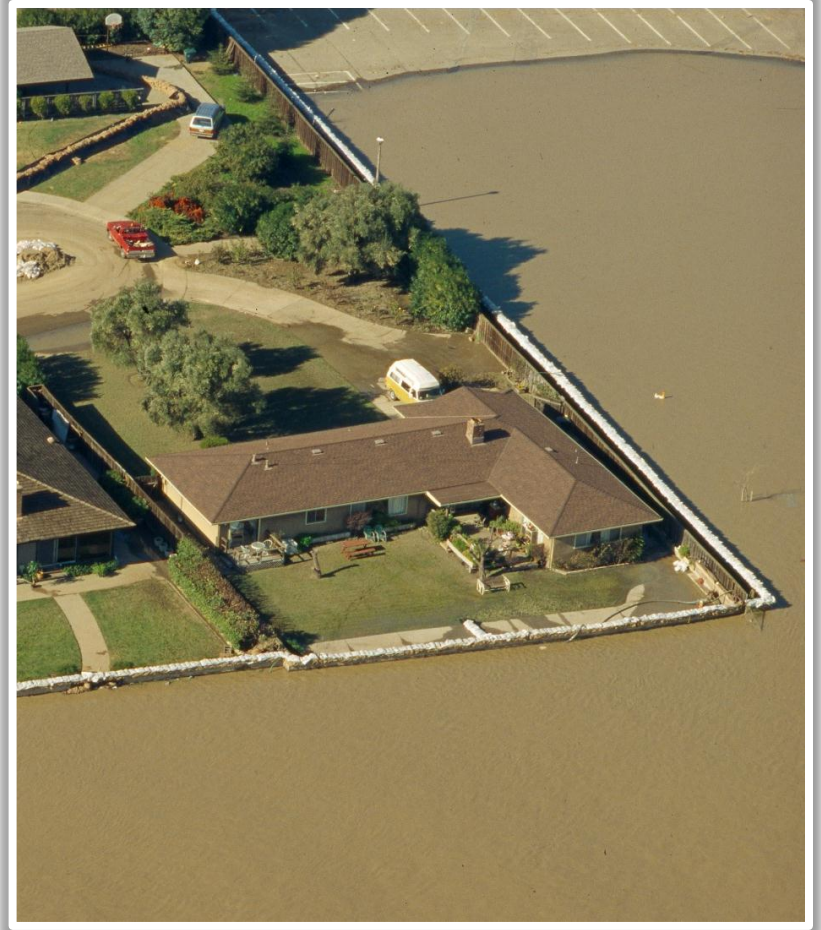
Recommendations

2. Increase public and policymaker awareness about flood risks to facilitate informed decisions.
3. Increase support for flood emergency preparedness, response, and recovery programs to reduce flood impacts.



Recommendations

4. Encourage land-use planning practices that reduce the consequences of flooding.
5. Conduct flood management from regional, systemwide, and statewide perspectives to provide multiple benefits.



Recommendations

6. Increase collaboration among public agencies to improve flood management planning, policies, and investments.
7. Establish sufficient and stable funding mechanisms to reduce flood risk.



We Must Take Action. Now.

California's future depends on:

- Local, State, Federal, and tribal agencies working together
- Implement policies and projects using an IWM approach
- Increase awareness of the cost and consequences of flooding
- Establish investment priorities and sufficient and stable funding
- Short-term and long-term action and solutions

SFMP Website

For More Information about
California's Flood Future :
<http://www.water.ca.gov/SFMP>



One In Five Californians Are Exposed To Flooding

Over the last 60 years, California has experienced more than 30 major flood events, resulting in more than 300 lives lost, more than 750 injuries and billions of dollars in disaster claims.

Today, more than 7 million Californians, or one in five, live in the 500-year floodplain, and approximately \$580 billion in assets (crops, structures, and public infrastructure) are exposed to flooding. This estimate does not include the impacts of future development, population changes, climate change, or costs due to loss of major infrastructure and critical facilities, as well as losses to State commerce.

With many more structures per square mile in our urban areas, California would likely see much higher recovery costs from a major storm than the \$110 billion that has been spent on recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Flood disasters are an unfortunate reality in California, which is why DWR's Statewide Flood Management Planning (SFMP) program works with organizations across the State to develop flood management policies and guide financial investments to protect people and property from flooding.

The newly released public review draft of *California's Flood Future: Recommendations for Managing the State's Flood Risk* report, developed in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is a comprehensive look at flooding throughout the State and makes recommendations for future actions to reduce flood risk.

DWR is accepting written comments on the public review draft of *California's Flood Future: Recommendations for Managing the State's Flood Risk* until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013. Comments may be submitted electronically by sending them to sfmp@water.ca.gov or provided at any of the scheduled regional workshops.

California's Flood Future was developed as a companion plan to the California Water Plan Update 2013. To learn more about how *California's Flood Future* findings and recommendations are used, visit Flood in California Water Plan.



California's Flood Future:

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Regional Workshops Scheduled

DWR is holding a series of California's Flood Future Statewide Meetings in April and May 2013 to discuss the findings of the public review draft report. View the full workshop calendar.